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Senator Rutundo, Representative Sachs, and the members of both the Appropriations and Taxation Committees,

My name is Sean Andrews, Board Member and Maine State chair of the Home Medical Equipment and Services Association of New England ("HOMES") and Director of Financial Operations at Bedard Pharmacy and Medical Supplies in Auburn, Maine. Bedard prides itself on delivering critical medical equipment and supplies to our community, supported by the dedication of our 112 employees who are committed to the health and well-being of Maine residents.

Today, I come before you to express our strong support for the inclusion of language in the governor's supplemental budget that addresses the taxation of Durable Medical Equipment "DME" (Sec. H-4. 2-G) and Mobility enhancing equipment (Sec. H-8. 6-K). The inclusion of these sections represent a significant advancement in our collective efforts to enhance healthcare accessibility and affordability in our state.

Additionally, we support the addition of "breast pumps and supplies" to the exemption list, as many other states in New England and across the country have done. Exempting these supplies from sales tax lowers the financial burden on families and encourages better outcomes for mothers and babies in Maine.

We urge the committees and all involved in the budgetary process to support these provisions, reinforcing Maine's commitment to the health and welfare of its citizens. Thank you for your consideration and for the opportunity to share our perspective on this important issue.

Sincerely,


Sean Andrews

Director of Financial Operations

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